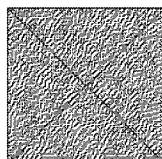


To: Dan Halden[daniel.halden@lacity.org]
Cc: Marisol Rodriguez[marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org]; Jeanne Min[jeanne.min@lacity.org]
From: Mike Dundas
Sent: Wed 7/20/2016 8:57:19 PM
Subject: Re: CPRA request (CD13.2016.06.23.b)

Works for me.

On Wed, Jul 20, 2016 at 1:47 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

Thanks, Mike. Any advice on the draft response?



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On Wed, Jul 20, 2016 at 1:46 PM, Mike Dundas <mike.dundas@lacity.org> wrote:

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Hello Marisol,

Dan is to be commended for his hard work managing the CPRA requests for your office in addition to his regular job, but the workload is just the nature of being a public office in California. A number of other council offices are feeling similar pressures. One council office has an employee working more than 75% of their time just on CPRAs.

There is no obligation on the part of the office to have a staff person working overtime to comply with requests. Most offices devote additional staff to the issue so all can handle during normal work hours. I spoke with Dan about making determinations that stretch out the response time to a more reasonable time from for the office to handle. The bottom line is that there is nothing that would legally allow the city to refuse to accept a new CPRA from a person/entity if there is one currently pending from that same person/entity. Similarly, there is no such thing as a vexatious requester in the CPRA. The only way to change the current system would be for the CM/City to sponsor legislation at the state level restricting access to public records for people who make multiple requests.

Mike

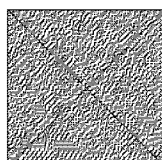
On Wed, Jul 20, 2016 at 12:45 PM, Marisol Rodriguez <marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org> wrote:

I think it sounds great.

Mike, this takes up so much of staff time. Dan has come in on weekends to try and meet the demands of all the CPRA requests that we get, it really is unsustainable. He is one of our busiest deputy and has a to balance emails, calls, briefing notes, events, staffing the Councilmember, Hollywood street closure committee, etc...

In all honesty, this is really hindering on our ability to carry out the massive workload we get on a daily basis and respond in a timely manner to to other constituents that have concerning quality of life issues.

When is enough, enough?



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On Wed, Jul 20, 2016 at 12:07 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

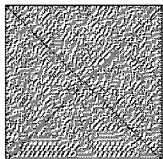
Thanks, Mike. Please advise regarding this potential response:

Dear Adrian,

This office has made consistent efforts to respond in prompt fashion to your multitude of requests, and will continue to do so. The sheer volume of your multiple requests that are all pending at the same time slows down the process to some degree. An enormous amount of collective staff time is required to respond to your requests, in addition to the normal work required to run a Council Office responsive to the needs of approximately 270,000 constituents. We will continue to do our best to manage this balance in an efficient way.

As you know, you are well within your rights to make multiple requests at once, as you have done consistently for quite some time. However, if you are concerned about waiting too long for certain requests to be completed, I would suggest that you limit your requests to one at a time. Regardless, we will continue to respond as quickly as possible in compliance with the California Public Records Act and in consultation with the Office of the City Attorney.

Any thoughts on this? Jeame, too?



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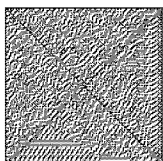
On Wed, Jul 20, 2016 at 11:39 AM, Mike Dundas <mike.dundas@lacity.org> wrote:

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You aren't required to respond at all. If you feel like you should then you can explain to him that the sheer number of his requests is slowing down the process. You can tell him that if he only made one request at a time, the responses would be faster but you have to delay older requests to meet the statutory determination deadlines for newer requests.

On Tue, Jul 19, 2016 at 4:54 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

Mike -- FYI, Adrian (for the first time) is complaining that we are taking too long on this request. How do I respond // do I need to respond?



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Date: Tue, Jul 19, 2016 at 4:53 PM
Subject: Re: CPRA request (CD13.2016.06.23.b)
To: Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>





Dear Dan,

I'm sorry to make a fuss, but three months seems like far too long a time to meet CPRA's mandate of prompt access to records especially given the political currency of this issue. I hope you can find a way to speed things up.

Thanks,

Adrian

On Tue, Jul 19, 2016, at 04:49 PM, Dan Halden wrote:

> Adrian,
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> We are still working on this request. We will provide the documents
> by *September
> 30, 2016.*
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> Thank you,
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> On Wed, Jun 29, 2016 at 4:27 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>

> wrote:

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>> Adrian,

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>> To clarify - I misspoke earlier regarding the date. We will make a
>> determination concerning your request on or before *July 17, 2016.*

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>> Thank you,

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>> *Dan Halden*

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
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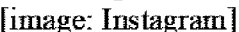
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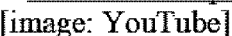
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>> On Wed, Jun 29, 2016 at 4:23 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>

>> wrote:

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>>> Dear Adrian,

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>>> This letter is in response to your request received by Council District
>>> 13 seeking records pertaining to "the tree trimming issue and with CF
>>> 15-0467-S4.

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>>> Please be advised that this office finds that "unusual circumstances"
>>> exist with respect to the request, as that term is defined in California
>>> Government Code section 6253(c). Unusual circumstances exist because of
>>> the need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount
>>> of separate and distinct records in order to respond to the request.

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

>>> Additionally, can you please clarify what you mean by "the tree
>>> trimming issue?"* Please be more specific.

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>>> We expect to make a determination concerning your request on or before
>>> July 3, 2016. If you have any questions, you may reach me at (213)
>>> 207-3015. We greatly appreciate your courtesy and cooperation in this
>>> matter.


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>>> Thank you,
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
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>>> On Thu, Jun 23, 2016 at 8:18 PM, <
>>> adrian@spectre-is-haunting-los-angeles.net> wrote:

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>>>> Dear Dan,

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>>>> I'd like to look at all records having to do with the tree trimming
>>>> issue and with CF 15-0467-S4, including but not limited to internal
>>>> communications, notes of meetings, drafts, reports which don't appear in
>>>> the official council file, constituent emails (either inclusive or
>>>> exclusive of mine, whichever makes your search easier), and so on. For
>>>> emails I'm not sure how best to craft the search, but it should at least
>>>> include "tree trimming" and whatever other search terms you think would
>>>> be effective. Probably from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 is a
>>>> sufficient date range.

>>>> Thanks, and I hope your time off is as you wish it to be,
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>>>> Adrian
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